

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, and 5-23 are now pending in this application for which applicants seek reconsideration.

Abstract

Applicants wish to note that in the previous amendment filed January 11, 2007, the abstract was amended in order to overcome the objection under the heading "In the Specification." Applicants respectfully request that the amendment be entered.

Amendment

Claims 1, 18, and 23 have been amended to include the limitation of claim 4. Claim 4 has been cancelled.

Interview

In an interview conducted May 31, 2007, the examiner stipulated that if the limitation of claim 4 were included in claims 1, 18, and 23 the present art rejection would be overcome. Applicants have so amended the claims. Applicants wish to note that, while they do not agree with the rejections presented in the previous Office Action, applicants have amended the claims according to the examiner's suggestion in order to expedite prosecution.

Conclusion

Applicants submit that claims 1, 3, and 5-23 patentably distinguish over the applied references and are in condition for allowance. Should the examiner have any issues concerning this reply or any other outstanding issues remaining in this application, applicant/ urge/ the examiner to contact the undersigned to expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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